



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: This week the state experienced lower than average rainfall according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. Most areas across the State reported average temperatures for this time of year. Producers were allowed 6.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	28	61	7
Last Week	4	20	70	6
Last Year	22	40	35	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	35	55	5
Last Week	3	35	61	1
Last Year	32	42	25	1

Small Grains: Farmers reported winter wheat to be completely harvested at week's end. Spring barley was 98 percent turning color, and 25 percent harvested by week's end with the crop rated in good condition. Spring wheat was reported 90 percent turning color, 24 percent harvested and in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 92 percent silked, 18 percent dough and in good condition at the end of last week. Sorghum was reported to be 50 percent headed, and 35 percent turning color with the majority of the crop in good condition. Harvesting of dry onions began this week, with 1 percent reported harvested. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Harvest of summer potatoes also began this week with 3 percent reported harvested at week's end. Dry bean acreage was 79 percent flowered, and in good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 9, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	3	22	46	28
Last Year	1	7	24	46	22
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	2	20	50	28
Last Year	2	10	27	40	21

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado continued to decline this week. Currently, they are rated in mostly fair to good condition. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with the 2nd cutting 67 percent finished, and 3rd cutting at 5 percent complete.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average again this week. Stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year. Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition again this week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 9, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	2	5	35	43	15
Prev. Year – 2008	23	27	35	12	3
5-Year Avg.	14	22	35	24	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 9, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	98	86	98	98
Harvested	25	14	20	24
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	90	64	77	90
Harvested	24	12	14	24
Corn				
Silked	92	65	94	83
Dough	18	12	25	22
Sorghum				
Headed	50	36	75	59
Turning Color	35	22	57	16
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	3	N/A	3	6
Dry Onions				
Harvested	1	N/A	1	3
Dry Beans				
Flowered	79	55	79	72
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	67	50	84	82
3 rd Cutting	5	0	10	6

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	4	17	55	24
Corn	2	4	13	59	22
Sugarbeets	0	1	10	69	20
Summer Potatoes	0	0	10	78	12
Fall Potatoes	1	4	24	40	31
Sorghum	0	1	22	67	10
Sunflowers	2	3	24	48	23
Dry Beans	0	1	9	75	15
Dry Onions	3	4	6	65	22
Livestock	0	2	11	74	13

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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